



# *The Coast Guard Lady*

Catching up with the CG's Most  
Prolific Letter Writer – Lois Bouton





## History's Long Reach!

Every issue of *The Reservist* contains a little bit of the Coast Guard's past, present and future — and it's always interesting how the pieces of time fit together like a puzzle. Sometimes, those three phases come together in one story.

This issue, for example, features Lois Bouton, also known as "The Coast Guard Lady." She is the perfect example of someone who respects the Coast Guard's past, lives in the present, and looks to the future. This 87-year-old SPAR served in the Coast Guard during World War II, and writes letters to Coast Guard units across the nation every day! She has done this with commitment and dedication for years. It's an honor to run a feature on her in this issue. Perhaps you've received a letter from her at your unit. We receive them here at the magazine every Coast Guard Day and during the Holidays! Bravo Zulu to the Coast Guard Lady!

As for the present, Director of Reserve and Training RDML Cynthia Coogan summarizes the present "State of the Coast Guard Reserve" in her "View from the Bridge."

We also honor the present Reserve award recipients in this issue: LTJG Nicholas Osborne is the Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer, D14 is the Waesche Award winner, and PSU 312 from San Francisco is the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award recipient.

The graduation portraits we run each issue (two ROCI portraits in this issue) embody the future personnel and potential of our beloved service.

Did you know the "Coast Guard Slash" turns 40 in April 2007? I chanced upon this while doing some reading earlier this year. It's interesting how the "slash" came to be and you can read about it on Page 38. You probably see the "slash" every day but don't really notice it.

While the "Taps" column recognizes and salutes all those who have recently "crossed the bar," I want to mention two Coasties who we lost recently. CWO4 Tony Caso passed away Jan. 14, 2007, after serving 43 years in the Coast Guard and Reserve. CWO4 Caso served as editor of *The Reservist* in 1988-89. I met him once and talked to him on the phone a few times and he was always a very enthusiastic supporter of the Coast Guard Reserve and this publication. When I was a petty officer, he would always check back occasionally and see how I was doing. CWO4 Ken Black was known as "Mr. Lighthouse," and is credited as one of the founders of the lighthouse preservation movement. His personal motto was "be neighborly!" Coincidentally, MCPO Tom Cowan's "On Deck" column is all about you "Making Coast Guard History" this year.

Enjoy this issue and remember that today's magazine will soon become part of tomorrow's historical archive. History has a long reach indeed!

— Ed.

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## Underway in a Big Way

I am a retired 0-6 USCGR and have a son that works at NASA. Your pictures in The Reservist are particularly striking but you outdid yourself with this edition of the shuttle (Issue 5-06). The pictures are outstanding. I look forward and retain each issue. Thank you once again.

— CAPT A. D. Melendrez,  
USCGR(Ret.)  
Palm Desert, CA

## Become a Company Mentor

On Jan. 26, 2007 I had the pleasure of attending the graduation of Recruit Company Charlie 176 as the company mentor. It was an especially meaningful experience for me in that I graduated from Cape May 40 years ago that same week. The training center has changed a lot during the past 40 years, and I guess I have somewhat as well.

Some of you have served as mentors for a recruit company, and I'm sure you enjoyed it as much as I did. For those of you who haven't volunteered yet, you should consider it. You visit with the recruits on a Friday evening the second week of training, when they are homesick, lonesome, and wondering if they made the right decision by joining the Coast Guard. You again visit them the end of their fifth week right after they receive their orders. The change is very noticeable as they are more confident, less frightened, and very curious about what life in the Coast Guard is really like. Then you visit them the day before graduation, take part in rehearsal, join them for the traditional pizza party, and are the honored guest speaker during their graduation.

Several recruits told me after graduation that they looked forward to my visits because I was the one calming influence they had during boot camp. I guess that is because I was the only person who did not yell at them. Regardless, they are very interested in knowing what lies ahead and what life is really like in the Coast Guard. They eagerly seek the input from someone who has been around a while.

The requirements for being a mentor are found at the TRACEN Cape May web site:  
http://www.uscg.mil/hq/capemay/mentoring-company/mentor.htm.

— LCDR Jack Dunphy, USCGR  
Portsmouth, Va.

## Port Security Units' 25th Anniversary?

The Reservist has done much to spread the word about what the PSUs do that I feel guilty asking you to do even more. Most people are not aware of this, but 2007 is the 25th anniversary year for the Port Security Unit program.

There is one chief left in our unit who was at OCEAN VENTURE in 1984. There are many sources for information about the early days and starting the program, and I was wondering if you might be able to do a story about the early days when they were still "notional units," and then when they became PSU 301 (Buffalo, N.Y.), PSU 302 (Cleveland), and PSU 303 (Milwaukee).

There are still some vets from PSU 302 in the unit at PSU 309, and other contacts you could possibly interview including CAPT Steve Day, CAPT Mike Milkovich, RADM Tim Riker, CAPT Dan Zedan, CDR Bruce Bruni, and CWO Livonia Bass. I think it would



really surprise a lot of people to know that we have been around for 25 years now — even the trainers at Special Missions Training Center who are involved in the training of the PSUs don't know this information. Just thought I would pass that along as a story.

— BMCS Deb Marsh, USCGR  
PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio

**Ed's note:** Great idea, senior chief! Twenty-five years would make 1982 the beginning of the modern PSU-era. The editor had always read and heard 1984. We will research this further and follow-up in a future issue. By the way, our readers are always welcome and encouraged to submit story ideas, letters, and of course, articles and photos.

## EPME Requirements

Have you wondered who comes up with the Enlisted Professional Military Education requirements? Have you asked who do I have to pay off to create easier requirements? Does someone up in Headquarters even know what the people in the field do? And, my favorite, what does EPME even mean?

Let me fill you in on an eye-opening experience I recently had. I was part of a 12-person task force that was asked to look at all the EPME requirements for the pay grades of E-2, E-3 and E-4. It started because there was a mandate established as part of the system to review the EPME requirements. The next step was to establish a task force to review the current EPME requirements and develop a survey to gather data from the field. Once the survey was sent out and returned, all the data was recorded and compiled.

The task force evaluated the data from the survey and the current EPME requirements. The next thing to do was to compile all recommendations into a new set of EPME requirements for the E-2, E-3 and E-4 level. These new sets would then be forwarded to Headquarters for evaluation and eventually form the new updated requirements.

As I stated earlier, there were 12 people on the task force. They ranged in pay grades from E-6 through E-9. We had the MK Rating Force Master Chief, the MK "A" School Chief, the BM "A" School Chief, OSCS, AMTC, DCC (who is also the EPME Subject Material Specialist), MSTC, MK1 (currently an EPO at a station), two civilian personnel, a YN1 and an FS1. The YN1 and FS1 both have company commander experience. I was the reserve representative on the task force. We also had MCPO Diane LaCumsky, MCPO Dave Robinson, CWO4 Dean Clark and LCDR Mark McManus as our guides and mentors.

There were items that were eliminated, some remained, and some were added. Every member on the task force had a voice in this process and it was majority rule. A couple of items that the task force pondered were: A suggestion to remove the proficiency requirement of preparing a surface for painting and applying paint to a surface. These two requirements were removed because of all the additional safety training involved with painting. Also, the member coming out of boot camp will be assigned a mentor at his next duty station and the new SA/SN will be trained thoroughly at that station. The task force also recommended removing the performance requirement of participating as a member of a DC repair team. This task is covered as part of the PQS for shipboard fire fighting.

This was my first exposure to this system. I felt it was a valuable process, and I think the requirements we established are in line with where the Coast Guard is heading in the future. So if you ever find yourself wondering how the Coast Guard comes up with any of their requirements, you now understand the process.

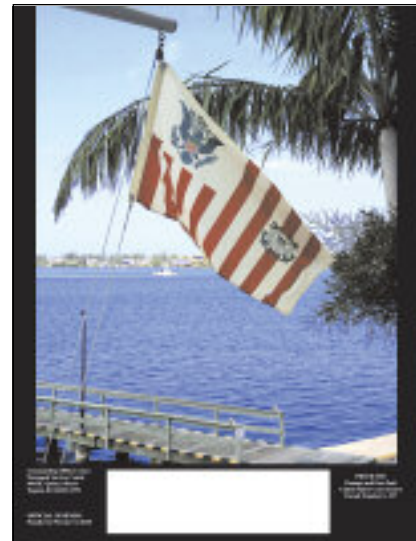
— MKC Robert Taylor, USCGR  
USCG Station Golden Gate, Calif.

**Ed's note:** Chief Taylor is Silver Badge Command Chief for Sector San Francisco Reservists.

## USCG Ensign?

I would like to buy the same flag that is on the back page of Issue 5-06. Where can I obtain one?

— CPO Frank Cozzetto, USCG(Ret.)



**Ed's note:** The Coast Guard Ensign is only available to USCG units/commands and is not for sale to individuals. This is because it is a mark of authority for boardings, examinations, and seizures of vessels for the purpose of enforcing the laws of the United States. However, the Coast Guard Standard (white flag with blue lettering), can be found at CG Exchanges and on various flag internet sites.

## Corrections

In the article on Alexander Hamilton, (Vol. 54, Issue 1-07), we mistakenly listed James Munro as an author of The Federalist Papers, it should have been James Madison. In the Advancement section of the same issue, we misspelled the name of FSC Michael Rowan. We apologize for the errors and we thank our readers for pointing out the mistakes.

# Happy Birthday Coast Guard Reserve

By Dr. Joe DiRenzo

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Regardless of where you sit on the political spectrum, one thing seems pretty clear to me regarding the Iraq conflict — America is supporting the troops. From the service member on the ground in hot spots throughout the country, to those offshore involved in security operations, the outpouring of pride and concern has been a unifying factor, while the politics of the war itself has fostered significant debate.

One group of individuals that make up those serving overseas that I have special pride in are the reserve members of the armed forces who have left their civilian jobs and occupations, put school on hold, and responded to the call to serve, one, two or even more rotations overseas.

A few weeks ago one group of reservists, in fact, the smallest of all the armed forces, had its 66th birthday. There was not a lot of national fanfare, not too many editorials, and only a brief mention in the national press, but the anniversary is significant -- not just to what this group brings to service in Iraq, but to the support they provide America throughout the country -- especially related to the Maritime Transportation System and recreational boating!

The group I am talking about is the United States Coast Guard Reserve who have proudly served the country in a quiet unassuming way that each of us, especially those that own and operate recreational boats should take pride in ... they are America's lifesavers ... who also have civilian occupations ... what an incredible combination.

In his "ALCOAST 067/07," Coast Guard Commandant ADM Thad Allen initially cited the Reserve's beginnings and history. "The Coast Guard Reserve has served our nation in war and peace; since its establishment on Feb. 19, 1941 under then-commandant ADM Russell R. Waesche. By the end of World War II, there were 7,100 reserve officers and over 135,200 enlisted reservists. They included 10,000 members of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve, or SPARs, led by the first female Coast Guard officer, CAPT Dorothy C. Stratton, who passed away last September at the age of 107. Those of us who serve today are grateful to ADM Waesche, CAPT Stratton, and all other Coast Guard Reserve trailblazers for the legacy they left us."

The admiral then shifted to a more modern perspective, "Today, Coast Guard Reservists continue to provide critical surge capacity for maritime homeland security, domestic and expeditionary support to national defense, and response to domestic disasters, both natural and man-made. During 2006, reservists remained on the front lines in the global war on terror, with over 1,000 serving on active duty, both home and abroad."

ADM Allen cited a little known fact involving the Reserve, "This past year also marked the 25th anniversary of Space Shuttle Security and Safety Operations, which have relied heavily on Coast Guard Reservists for mission execution and operational support since their inception."

The same can be said for support to recreational boating safety and security of the maritime transportation system. In all my years as a Coast Guard officer, I had the great fortune to work with some incredible reserve members. Officers like retired captain and former Portsmouth City School Superintendent Skipper Duck, or legendary New Englander CAPT Mike Ruzczyk. Right now in Portsmouth, there are several reserve members that have answered the call to support operations. CDR Kevin Koon, LT John Hughes and BMC Bill Wilkinson are just three examples of members that have answered the call. The service is blessed with some incredible talent.

Why salute the reserve in a boating column ... that's an easy one. For several years now, the Reserve and Active Duty components of the Coast Guard have been joined at the hip. Every time there is a search and rescue case, there is a chance a reserve member is involved. The Coast Guard Reserve may not be large ... but their collective impact is huge.

Please join me in wishing every member of the Coast Guard Reserve a belated Happy Birthday!!

*Ed's note: Dr. Drenzo served 22 years in the military, four in the Navy, the remainder in the Coast Guard. He is a civilian employee for the Coast Guard in Portsmouth, Va., and writes a weekly boating safety column for The Suffolk News-Herald.*





ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Feb 21, 2007) — The CGC JUNIPER is seen here transiting down the Potomac River. The JUNIPER is heading back to its homeport in Newport, R.I. after attending training in Norfolk, Va. At 225 feet long, the JUNIPER is outfitted with some of the most advanced technological and navigational capabilities currently available.

USCG Photo by PA2 Constantina Mourtos





BOSTON (Sept. 8, 2006) — While providing a security perimeter, a Coast Guard 25-foot response boat is flanked by two tugs as the Liquid Natural Gas tanker Berge Boston is moored to the pier at an LNG facility here.  
USCG photo by PA2 Luke Pinneo



BAYONNE, N.J. (Feb. 8, 2007) — Edgar, the mascot for CGC STURGEON BAY, salutes his owner, Chief Warrant Officer Dale Sale during ice breaking operations on the Hudson River. USCG photo by PA3 Annie Berlin





# State of the Coast Guard: Challenge, Change & Commitment



**RDML  
Cynthia A. Coogan,  
USCG**

**Director  
of  
Reserve and  
Training  
(CG-13)**

***“So far, I’m  
enjoying the  
Director of  
Reserve and  
Training job very  
much, and am  
committed to  
doing the best  
job I possibly  
can. With  
responsibility for  
the Coast Guard  
Reserve, Training  
(including the  
Training Centers),  
and Leadership,  
the job is  
challenging —  
and it’s changing  
all the time.”***

**T**his is my first chance to address the many readers of The Reservist since I became Director of Reserve and Training. In the short time I’ve been on the job, I have been very impressed with the reservists I’ve met across the nation and here at Headquarters. Throughout my Coast Guard career, I have had many opportunities to work alongside reservists, and I have profound respect and a genuine sense of kinship with each of you.

During the recent ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, I had the honor of meeting some of the Coast Guard Reserve’s top performers including the Reserve’s Outstanding Junior Officer (LTJG Nicholas Osborne) and the District nominees. A few days later, I met representatives of PSU 312, winners of the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Awards. Bravo Zulu to all!

So far, I’m enjoying the Director of Reserve and Training job very much, and am committed to doing the best job I possibly can. With responsibility for the Coast Guard Reserve, Training (including the Training Centers), and Leadership, the job is challenging — and it’s changing all the time.

Those themes of challenge and change fit right in with the current State of the Coast Guard. In fact, our Commandant, ADM Thad Allen, gave his first annual State of the Coast Guard Address Feb. 13 in Washington, D.C. before a sold-out crowd of over 600 people. The overall theme of the Commandant’s speech was “New Threats, New Challenges, New Strategy.”

As reservists, I know you lead busy lives. Your civilian jobs, Reserve duties, and family responsibilities leave little time for yourself. That said, you might not have had a chance to read the Commandant’s entire speech. I encourage all of you to find a quiet spot and take some time to read and reflect upon the speech in its entirety. You can read it online or download a podcast version by logging onto the “Commandant’s Corner” at [www.uscg.mil/comdt](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt)

In his speech, ADM Allen noted that we need to do three things. The first is to make our force structure more responsive to mission execution. The second is to make our support systems more responsive to our operators. Third, he said, we need to make the Coast Guard more responsive to the needs of our Nation.

These themes in the Commandant’s state of the Coast Guard also apply directly to the state of the Coast Guard Reserve and our current efforts to ensure optimal organization, administration, recruiting, development and training of the Coast Guard’s Reserve component. This is one of the ADM Allen’s priorities as spelled out in his “Commandant’s Intention Action Orders,” or “CIAOs” for short. ADM Allen has issued 10 CIAOs since taking the helm, and the Coast Guard Reserve is the topic of CIAO #9. Our task is to create a robust Reserve Component Mission Support System that meets those objectives.

What this entails is a wide-ranging look at how we are organized and staffed to support a Coast Guard Reserve that most effectively supports Coast Guard Mission Execution. We’re not finished yet, so I can’t tell you how our team and the others in the field may be organized in the future to better support those of

you who are carrying out the mission. But I can tell you that we are going to have the best trained, most ready Coast Guard Reserve possible. And we already have a lot of positive momentum.

As you have read in these pages in recent editions, we are leveraging technology to maximize training within the constraints of Active Duty for Training (ADT) and Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) periods. Our Web-enabled Boarding Officer Qualification Support Program (BOQSP), which became a reality last year, has enabled us to put additional qualified Reservists on the front lines of Maritime Homeland Security by reducing the amount of classroom time required to get qualified. This directly impacts Coast Guard Mission Execution. We’re going to continue to exploit E-Learning to provide you the tools needed to carry out your duties.

But in order to carry out your duties, you need to be ready. I’m very happy to report that physical examination currency among our Selected Reserve (SELRES) force has improved by about 25 percent since the end of 2003. Dental examination currency has increased over 10 percent over the same period. Although we are pleased with those improvements, we still need to strive to be fully ready in both these important areas to answer the call when it comes, whether it’s for Maritime Homeland Security, support to National Defense or response to domestic disasters, both natural and man-made. That’s why we’re here.

Indeed, many of you responded to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In doing so, you exemplified all the best things the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve represent. You also serve as a model for the other six Reserve Components – Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Army National Guard and Air National Guard – in their quest to transform into truly “operational” reserve components from “strategic” reserve components.

A “strategic” reserve describes a Cold War construct in which reservists would mobilize only for a major war. An “operational” reserve, by contrast, is one whose members routinely serve on active and (inactive) duty to carry out ongoing missions. This is the goal of the Department of Defense, and something we in the Coast Guard have largely achieved through the full integration of our Coast Guard Reserve. If you were in New Orleans, Gulfport or anyplace else in the Gulf Coast region in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, you were probably hard-pressed to distinguish between Active Duty and Reserve Coasties. That’s a huge indicator of our success and something of which we can all be proud.

With his unique authority to quickly mobilize Coast Guard Reservists under Title 14 of the United States Code, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, has a powerful resource to help our Nation respond to domestic emergencies, such as Hurricane Katrina: You. The men and women of a Coast Guard Reserve – Always Ready for All Threats, All Hazards.

This is a great time to be in the Coast Guard. I’m honored to be part of such a great team – Active, Reserve, Auxiliary and civilian. I look forward to serving with you as Director of Reserve and Training.



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## SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE

AS WE CELEBRATE THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE, I ASK ALL HANDS TO JOIN ME IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR RESERVISTS FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR.

THE COAST GUARD RESERVE HAS SERVED OUR NATION IN WAR AND PEACE SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT ON FEBRUARY 19, 1941 UNDER THEN-COMMANDANT ADM RUSSELL R. WAESCHE. BY THE END OF WORLD WAR II, THERE WERE 7,100 RESERVE OFFICERS AND OVER 135,200 ENLISTED RESERVISTS. THEY INCLUDED 10,000 MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD WOMEN’S RESERVE, OR SPARS, LED BY THE FIRST FEMALE COAST GUARD OFFICER, CAPT DOROTHY C. STRATTON, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST SEPTEMBER AT THE AGE OF 107. THOSE OF US WHO SERVE TODAY ARE GRATEFUL TO ADM WAESCHE, CAPT STRATTON, AND ALL OTHER COAST GUARD RESERVE TRAILBLAZERS FOR THE LEGACY THEY LEFT US.

TODAY, COAST GUARD RESERVISTS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CRITICAL SURGE CAPACITY FOR MARITIME HOMELAND SECURITY, DOMESTIC AND EXPEDITIONARY SUPPORT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC DISASTERS, BOTH NATURAL AND MAN-MADE. DURING 2006, RESERVISTS REMAINED ON THE FRONT LINES IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, WITH OVER 1,000 SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY, BOTH HOME AND ABROAD. THIS PAST YEAR ALSO MARKED THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SPACE SHUTTLE SECURITY AND SAFETY OPERATIONS, WHICH HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON COAST GUARD RESERVISTS FOR MISSION EXECUTION AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SINCE THEIR INCEPTION.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE RESERVE COMPONENT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE VITAL AND RELEVANT THAN NOW, I HOSTED A RESERVE STRATEGIC SUMMIT LAST OCTOBER THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER CURRENT AND RETIRED RESERVE FLAG OFFICERS AND CURRENT AND RETIRED MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS OF THE RESERVE FORCE TO SHARE THEIR VAST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN RESERVE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT. IN ADDITION, LAST FALL I ALSO DIRECTED THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE FORCE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO ME AS CHIEF ADVISOR ON AND ADVOCATE FOR ENLISTED RESERVISTS. THESE ACTIONS UNDERSCORE MY COMMITMENT TO OUR RESERVE FORCE.

THE COAST GUARD RESERVE REMAINS AMONG MY TOP PRIORITIES THIS YEAR AS INDICATED IN MY COMMANDANTS INTENT ACTION ORDERS. CIAO NUMBER NINE ENTAILS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPONENT MISSION SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT WILL OPTIMIZE USE OF OUR RESERVE COMPONENT WHILE IMPROVING TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THIS WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A COAST GUARD RESERVE ALWAYS READY FOR ALL HAZARDS, ALL THREATS IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN.

I JOIN THE REST OF THE COAST GUARD FAMILY AND OUR NATION AS A WHOLE IN EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO ALL RESERVISTS FOR YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, PREPAREDNESS AND PATRIOTISM.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND SEMPER PARATUS!

  
THAD W. ALLEN  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard



## 2006 CGR Outstanding Junior Officer LTJG Nicholas Osborne, Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 34

WASHINGTON, D.C. — LTJG Nicholas Osborne is the 2006 recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer award. This national award, sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association since 1983, is based on notable contributions to the Coast Guard, demonstrated leadership ability, exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties, and significant civic accomplishments.

Osborne demonstrated that he is a highly adaptable junior officer with an impressive record of diverse achievements that exceed those normally associated with his pay grade. His performance of duties significantly and directly contributed to the success of his expeditionary unit both in preparing for and executing their OCONUS deployment. In addition, his impressive civilian educational and professional credentials, coupled with his civic involvement, demonstrate that he is an extremely well-rounded officer.

“I would be lying if I said these past ten months on Title 10 have been easy,” said Osborne, currently serving on active duty in the Middle East with Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 34. “But I say with confidence that despite any challenges that have surfaced, I have been surrounded by many petty officers and senior enlisted whose unwavering devotion to duty has helped instill within me the desire to bring forth my deepest gifts as a leader. My ROJO designation is a great honor, but it also serves as a reminder that effective leadership is a lifelong process requiring self-accountability, integrity, an open mind and the ability to listen.”

The award was presented to Osborne during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference Feb. 5 in Washington, D.C. Osborne is the 24<sup>th</sup> recipient of this award since it was established in 1983. ALCOAST 026/07 announced the award winner.



### 2006 Nominees

Congratulations to the outstanding nominees for this year's ROA OJO award (listed in alphabetical order):

LT Ted Brothers, D5, Sector North Carolina  
CWO3 Michael Cleary, D9, Sector Lake Michigan  
LTJG Ethan Creps, D14, Sector Honolulu  
LT Stephen Donley, D11, Sector San Francisco  
**LTJG Nicholas Osborne, NCWRON 34**  
LTJG Kyle Retzlaff, D8, Sector Upper Mississippi River  
LT John Scott, D13, Sector Portland  
CWO4 Linnell Violet, MLC PAC, ISC Alameda  
LTJG Charles Walsch, LANTAREA, MSST Galveston

## 2006 Waesche Award Winners Fourteenth Coast Guard District, ISC Honolulu

HONOLULU — The Fourteenth Coast Guard District and Integrated Support Command Honolulu have been selected as the 2006 ADM Russell R. Waesche Award recipients. Sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, this award recognizes Coast Guard Districts and their supporting Integrated Support Command (ISC) for superior Reserve readiness.

Selection was based on data from Coast Guard Business Intelligence, the Training Management Tool, Direct Access, and the narratives submitted by competing Districts and ISCs. Criteria were outlined in ALCOAST 529/06.

D14 and ISC Honolulu are commended for their dedication to Reserve readiness. Utilizing an aggressive communications plan that reached out to all levels of their organization, they achieved unity of effort in improving readiness. Their well-executed readiness initiatives included focusing “C” School quotas to support CPRL requirements, training and assigning a senior reserve officer to every unit with assigned reservists, and consistently monitoring readiness



*The Waesche Award was presented to representatives of D14 at the Coast Guard reception in Washington, D.C. Feb. 5. Left to right: RDML Cynthia Coogan, CG-13; RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, D14; VADM Robert Papp, CG-01; and LT Brandi Marquardt of ISC Honolulu.*

measures to ensure compliance. These efforts lifted their readiness measures from the previous year's below average showing to a level unsurpassed by any other district and well above the overall Coast Guard average. All Reserve stakeholders in the D14/ISC Honolulu AOR can be proud that their work won D14/ISC Honolulu their first Waesche Award since 1975. The award was presented to RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, Fourteenth District Commander, and LT

Brandi Marquardt of ISC Honolulu (pf) at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception held in conjunction with the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 5.

The Waesche Award was established in 1961 in recognition of the exceptional foresight, understanding and wisdom of ADM Russell R. Waesche in conceiving, planning and developing the Reserve Component of the United States Coast Guard. It is presented by the Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association, and awarded annually to a District and ISC for outstanding achievement.

## PSU 312 Wins Family Readiness Award

SAN FRANCISCO — Newly commissioned in 2004, ready for operations in December 2005 and just after its first deployment, PSU 312 is the winner of the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award (RAFRA).

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD-RA) established the RAFRA in 2001 to recognize the top unit in each of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces that demonstrates outstanding family readiness while maintaining superior mission readiness. The award is open to any Coast Guard unit with a Reserve workforce. This year, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) donated \$1000.00 to the unit morale fund for each of the Reserve Component winners.

PSU 312 demonstrated exceptional family readiness and support during their recent deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In order to prepare not only their members, but

family members as well for their deployment, they held a deployment-training seminar that included information sessions with their chaplain, their ombudsman, and representatives of TRICARE, legal assistance, Work-Life, the Employee Assistance Program, and the Red Cross.

In addition, their unit ombudsman executed an outreach program that included regularly updating dependents on unit news and proactively showing support and care for dependents during significant events such as births, deaths, illnesses, and financial difficulty.

The award and check were presented to PSU 312 by OASD-RA and MOAA at a ceremony in Crystal City, Va. Feb. 16. The winners from the other Reserve components were also honored. ALCOAST 027/07 announced the winning Coast Guard unit.

Congratulations to PSU 312 for their dedication to family support programs.

### Previous RAFRA winners

#### 2006

PSU 312, San Francisco, Calif.

#### 2005

PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.

#### 2004

PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.

#### 2003

PSU 311, San Pedro, Calif.

#### 2002

PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.

#### 2001

PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.

#### 2000

PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio



Photo by LT Greg Reilly, CG-1313

*PSU 312 celebrates the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award Feb. 16 in Crystal City, Va. Left to right: MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith, CG-00b; RDML Cynthia Coogan, CG-13; BM1 Shachar Ben-David, PSU 312; LTJG Bill Bushman, PSU 312 CO; Mr. Rodney Whaley, CG-1112; SK1 Tim Muldoon, PSU 312; FSC Aro Ebenhahn, PSU 312; Mrs. Amanda Muldoon, PSU 312 ombudsman; Honorable Thomas Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.*



DIVERSITY:

“... is not a program or policy – it is a state of being.”  
— ADM Thad Allen

There is an old adage that says, “the numbers never lie.” In an effort to keep you informed and starting with this issue, the magazine is going to be running statistics of varying breakdowns of the SELRES. This month, we focus on diversity. It is our hope that by publishing this data, a better understanding of the Coast Guard Reserve can be achieved at all levels of the organization. This information can also be found on the Reserve Web site: [www.uscg.mil/reserve](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve).

Understanding and embracing the diversity of our workforce is something we must continually do to achieve our long-term strategic goals. This includes managing our workforce to ensure that we not only recruit and retain the best personnel, but earn their loyalty and trust so they will stay aboard as dedicated career employees. The starting point for any discussion about diversity is its definition. The commandant has states that diversity is really about inclusion, equity and respect. It is usually assumed that only certain persons or groups are included in any discussion about achieving a diverse workforce. In reality, diversity encompasses, but is not limited to — race, gender, age, religion, geographic origin, educational background and level, marital status, personality, and economic status. Team Coast Guard is a great example of how we have merged several culturally diverse organizations within the Coast Guard to provide a flexible workforce that can carry out our missions effectively. By blending the Active,

Reserve, Auxiliary and Civilian components, we have reduced administrative overhead and freed up valuable resource time that can now be used to directly support mission execution. In addition, aligning workforce diversity with the missions and business of the Coast Guard increases morale and retention. It also improves productivity, and responsiveness that in turn adds value to our service and to the nation. The Commandant has articulated his vision of a diverse workforce in his Diversity Policy Statement. This is a well written document that offers all of us some superb guiding principals about diversity in our service. It is available and prominently posted at all Coast Guard offices and also on the Coast Guard Web site. In addition, and more specific to the Coast Guard Reserve, a Reserve Diversity Strategic Plan was launched last spring (see ALCOAST 291/06) to recruit the best people, retain the best people, and create an environment conducive to utilizing and leveraging the skills of all. The overall result will be a Reserve force that more realistically mirrors a cross section of the American society. The attached chart provides a snapshot of the diversity of our Reserve workforce and will become a regular feature of the Reservist. We all have a role in building a balanced Coast Guard workforce. Each of us contributes in our own way by bringing our own personal and unique experiences, talents and perspectives to our day-to-day work in support of Coast Guard missions.

Current SELRES Ethnicity Mix		
ETHNICITY	#	%
African American	361	4.55%
Asian	536	6.76%
Hispanic	691	8.72%
Native American	127	1.60%
Total Minority	1715	21.63%
Caucasian/Other	6213	78.37%
TOTAL	7928	

Male	6765	85.33%
Female	1163	14.67%
TOTAL	7928	

Source: CG-1313 — Reserve Information and Evaluations Division Current as of 02-2007



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ROCI Class 01-06

Congratulations to Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI) Class 01-06 who graduated Aug. 11, 2006, after three weeks training at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Staff cadre, front row, left to right: LTJG Matthew Weber, LT Eric Casper, LT Tom Stokes, LT Bowen Spievack, LT Caryn Margita, CDR John O'Connor III, CDR Patti Seeman, LT Erin Christensen, ENS Chris Villar, LT Tammy Michelli, LTJG Jake Schaaf, K.C. Moran. Second row, l to r: ENS Cara Lowry, ENS Kayla Fuman, ENS Karl Garman, ENS Scott Gondeck, ENS Mary Ann Forster, ENS Anthony Crisp, ENS Kelsey Newell. Third row, l to r: ENS Anita O'Connor, ENS Rachel Hanley, ENS Brian Danzinger, ENS Paul Raska, ENS Justin Reid, ENS Antoine Waithe, ENS Eric Watson, ENS Richard Perez-Rosa, ENS Lonnie Pol, ENS William Filgueiras, ENS Aaron Allred, ENS Lucy Love. Fourth row, l to r: ENS Mark Moretti, ENS Daniel Bower, ENS David Harbour, ENS K.R. Catlin, ENS Michael Cavanagh, ENS Daniel MacDonald, ENS Robert Espenship, ENS Jason Young, ENS James McKnight III, ENS Timothy Byars. Back row, l to r: ENS John Davis, ENS Murray Archambault, ENS Matthew Adams, ENS Christopher Meyer, ENS Brent Downs, ENS Jordan Hardenbergh, ENS Robert Kelley III, ENS Yamil Hernandez, ENS Josephine Rudolph, ENS Gregory Ordun, ENS Dwight Thompson.



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ROCI Class 02-06

Congratulations to Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI) Class 02-06 who graduated Sept. 8, 2006, after three weeks training at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Staff cadre, front row, left to right: LT Eric Casper, LTJG Mike Friend, LTJG John Massingill, LTJG Matthew Weber, LT Bowen Spievack, K.C. Moran, CDR Patti Seeman, LT Erin Christensen, LT Caryn Margita, LT Tammy Michelli, LTJG Jake Schaaf, LT Dan McSweeney. Second row, l to r: ENS Jennifer Taylor, ENS Kazuaki Suglyama, ENS Johnny Gonzalez, ENS Gary Demetreon, ENS Philip Stitzinger, ENS Jennifer Dorsey, ENS Jonathan Scott, ENS Patrick Nowlan, ENS Pablo Prado, ENS David Simonson, ENS Christopher Rymut, ENS Erin Bennett, LTJG Gregory Jensen, ENS Daniel Sopher, ENS Timothy Fall, LTJG Jed Siacor, ENS Marcia Jones, ENS Linda Pepe, ENS Emir Holmes, ENS William Gentile, ENS Andrea Rask. Back row, l to r: ENS Kristopher Nolan, LTJG Heikki Laukkanen, ENS Francis Orens, ENS John McKenzie, ENS Jesse Webster, ENS Timothy Pratt, ENS Lee Cuthbertson, ENS Michael Henson, ENS Matthew Gilbert, ENS Joseph Wright III, ENS Callan Fless, ENS Robert Brown, Jr. ENS William Hanzlik, ENS James Hodges, ENS Mark Ware.



# The Coast Guard Lady

Catching up with the  
CG's Most Prolific  
Letter Writer—  
Lois Bouton

Story and Photos by  
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Photo Courtesy Lois Bouton

Lois Bouton at her writing table, drafting another letter and her graduation photo from SPAR Boot Camp in 1943 (Inset).



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riting letters to more than  
300 Coast Guard units  
would be a daunting task  
for even the most seasoned

of writers, but for 87-year-old World War II veteran Lois Bouton, it's a task she takes on every day.

Sitting at a small table near the entrance to her home, she peers through her oversized glasses. Delicately and slowly, the recent events of her life pour onto a small piece of paper with a lighthouse décor — her favorite stationary. Lighthouses of all shapes and sizes surround her in her modest Arkansas home while she meticulously handwrites each letter, and the lighthouses that surround her blend in among a sea of Coast Guard patches and hats hanging throughout her home.

### ***From School Teacher to Boot Camp***

A child during the Great Depression, Lois Bouton joined the Coast Guard Women's Reserve, known as the SPARS (a shortened version of the service's credo, "Semper Paratus, Always Ready") during World War II. Her career, which spanned the years between 1943 and 1945, sent her on a journey that she memorializes in her home and in the letters she writes to Coast Guard units throughout the country. Her dedication to the service has earned her the respect of even Coast Guard admirals and garnered her the moniker as "The Coast Guard Lady."

During World War II, Bouton worked as a first-grade teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in Illinois. She later enlisted in the Coast Guard and was sent to Palm Beach, Fla., for boot camp.

"We were at the Biltmore Hotel in Palm Beach," Bouton recalled. "They put six people to a room and took the doors off the rooms. Twenty-five years later at a reunion, the hotel still looked the same except they put the doors back on the rooms. We stayed on the fifth floor of the hotel and had to walk down the stairs whenever we went to the beach. There, we learned a lot of things like how to march. I wasn't very good because I am left-handed and often get my left and my right mixed up."

Bouton's first assignment after completing boot camp had her packing her bags and sent her moving — from the fifth floor of the Biltmore Hotel, to the seventh.

"After boot camp, I met with a classification officer," said Bouton. "She saw that I used to be a teacher and offered me a position as a boot-camp instructor. So I stayed there and taught organization. Of the three different courses (personnel, organization and activities), mine was the duller of all of them."

*Lois Bouton smiles as she receives a farewell hug from Coast Guard LT Taylor Carlisle. Carlisle is one of five females who flew from Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans to meet with Bouton, better known throughout the service as "The Coast Guard Lady."*







*Postman Terry Still delivers mail to Lois Bouton at her home. Bouton writes letters and cards to more than 300 Coast Guard units throughout the country each year.*

### ***CG Schools and CG Tours***

When her tour as a boot-camp instructor was complete, Bouton served a short stint in San Francisco as a maintenance worker before transferring to Radioman school at Atlantic City, N.J.

“I wrote a woman over there that I knew because I wanted to know what it was like,” said Bouton. “Stamps were rationed back then, but I took advantage of the government’s correspondence method back then by writing the word ‘free’ in place of the stamp. The lady I knew wrote me back saying, ‘Don’t come here! It’s horrible. The barracks are a firetrap, there isn’t any heat, the meals are terrible and the hours are long, but there is one good thing, they have hot water. One of the girls got scolded when the hose broke off the washing machine.’”

“I didn’t think it could be that bad, so I went to the school anyway,” Bouton said. “I was wrong — it was much worse.”

At school, Bouton learned the necessary skills and became a certified radioman.

“I learned a lot there — Morse code and some other things,” Bouton recalled. “I didn’t know what it all meant at the time, but I learned it.”

Now a Coast Guard radioman (or in her case, radiowoman), Bouton was stationed in Bethany Beach, Del., where she performed all the job functions her male counterpart had done before he went off to fight in the war.

“At the station, it was only another woman and me who ran the equipment,” Bouton said. “We would send weather information, track the movement of boats, and send coordinates to ships.”

“Toward the end of the war, we were all waiting to hear the official word that the war had ended,” Bouton said. “Our chief was sleeping one morning, and some of the people I worked with were bored and decided it would be a good time to wake up our chief. One of them got a metal pipe and started banging on a pan. Someone on the outside heard the racket and they started making noise themselves, and the noise carried on throughout the neighborhood. Soon, everyone in town was honking their car’s horn. Everyone thought the war was over! The official word eventually came out a few days later, but I am sure everyone there thought the Coast Guard had some inside information.”

### ***Hospital Visits to Letters***

With the war now over, Bouton moved back to Illinois and continued with her career as a first-grade teacher.

“Every now and then, I would have my students write cards to the injured war veterans,” Bouton said.

Afterwards, she would take the cards the children had written and deliver them to a local veteran’s hospital along with a batch of homemade chocolate chip cookies.

On one such trip, a member of the Coast Guard was at the hospital recuperating from some injuries he sustained during the war. Bouton and he became instant friends. From that moment on, she would always visit the Coast Guard members first and would forever be known as “The Coast Guard Lady” — a much more personalized nickname from her previous “Chocolate Chip Lady,” because of the cookies she baked.

Bouton continued her mission at the veteran’s hospital for years until the day came when she decided to retire to the warmer climate of Rogers, Ark.

“I still wanted to keep in touch with the Coast Guard, and without a veteran’s hospital to visit, I started writing my letters,” Bouton said. “I called up someone in the Coast Guard, I still can’t remember who it was, and I asked them for the address of an isolated unit in Alaska. I got the address and wrote them a letter. A few weeks later, I got a response back. It felt so good that I wrote more letters. Somewhere along the way, I got a hold of a Coast Guard address book and wrote to more units.”

Today, Bouton has three index card boxes full of addresses that she writes to throughout the year, and

she receives cards and letters from people throughout the Coast Guard, including the Commandant.

### ***Appreciated by Coasties Everywhere***

It’s early December 2006, and Bouton ventures out into the cold, blustery Arkansas air and approaches her mailbox like she does any other day. She retrieves her mail and returns to the inviting warmth of her home. She becomes elated as she opens the oversized envelope and pulls out a card and small photo from a retired Coast Guard telecommunications specialist.

In part, the card reads:

“Did you know that your cards always seem to get put up first and taken down last? You are very much appreciated by all Coasties everywhere.”

Bouton’s face, flush with joy, now bears a smile that seems to stretch past her oversized spectacles and says, “It’s cards like this one that make it all worth it.”

**Authors note:** *To write Lois Bouton, please send letters and cards to The Coast Guard Lady, 1616 16<sup>th</sup> St., Rogers, AR, 72758. Additionally, donations of stamps are always welcome.*



*Lois Bouton looks at a stack of old letters written by one of the Coast Guard's first pilots. She gave a piece of her collection to a group of female aviators visiting from New Orleans.*





## In Brief

• **SUMMERSTOCK 2007** — Summerstock is an excellent opportunity for fully qualified boat crew to work at Coast Guard stations on the Great Lakes. There are 30 total billets available: Sector Buffalo (9); Sector Lake Michigan (15); Sector Detroit (6). For more information, contact YNC Patricia Feeney, D9(dre), 216-902-6095, patricia.feeney@uscg.mil, Fax: 216-902-6098.



• **BOARDING OFFICER COURSE QUOTAS AVAILABLE** — Quotas are available for upcoming convenings of a new Boarding Officer (BO) course. Students complete approximately 50 hours of on-line instruction during IDT periods followed by a two-week BO course during ADT. The MLE Academy's web site has more info and application procedures at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-o/mlea/courses/BOQSP/index.shtm>. See ALCOAST 374/06 for updated IDT policy changes to support this program. BO point of contact is ENS Paul Turner, 843-740-6601, paul.e.turner@uscg.mil

• **SOCIAL SECURITY & SPECIAL EXTRA EARNINGS** — Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1940 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. Special extra earnings are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. They are not granted for inactive duty training. Social Security cannot add these extra credits to your record until you file for Social Security benefits. Please note: In January 2002, Public Law 107-117, the Defense Appropriations Act, stopped the special extra earnings that have been credited to military service personnel. For more details, see the Social Security Web site: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

• **IRR PARTICIPATION POLICY** — IRR members are obligated to: (1) Answer official correspondence, (2) Respond to annual screening questionnaires, (3) Promptly advise CGPC-rpm of changes of residence and changes of phone number(s) or mailing address, changes in marital status or number of dependents, changes in civilian education or civilian employment, and any physical condition or other factor that would affect the member's immediate availability for active military service, (4) Maintain physical fitness and weight standards, (5) Maintain initial uniform issue for a period of four years if previously on active duty, and (6) (Officers only) Must accrue a minimum of 50 retirement points in an anniversary year to be retained in active status (see 10 U.S.C. 12642). If you have questions, contact YNCS Albert Succi at the IRR Servicing Personnel Office, 202-493-1710, albert.j.succi@uscg.mil

• **PSC CUSTOMER CARE CALL CENTER** — The Customer Care Call Center at PSC Topeka remains staffed two weekends per month, except during the all-hands in October and April, to assist and answer questions regarding password resets, pay, travel, and user support. Phone support hours of operation for these weekends are 0730-1600 Central Time. The weekend schedule for the remainder of FY07 is as follows: March 10-11, 17-18; May 12-13, 19-20; June 9-10, 16-17; July 14-15, 21-22; Aug. 11-12, 18-19; Sept. 8-9, 15-16. There are three ways to contact PSC. Phone: 785-339-2200 or 1-866-772-8724; E-mail: [PSC-CustomerCare@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-CustomerCare@uscg.mil); Web: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/customerservice.shtm> (complete the



online form). For retired pay issues, please continue to call 1-800-772-8724 or 785-339-3415.

• **CGC WHITE ALDER MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Dec. 7, 2008, will mark the 40th anniversary of the CGC WHITE ALDER tragedy (it collided with the Formosan freighter Helena and 17 of the 21 crew were lost). MSU Baton Rouge, La. is hosting a memorial service and needs to locate families of the 21 crew aboard CGC WHITE ALDER. If you have any info, please contact MST3 Robert F. Feus, Jr. 225-298-5400, ext 227, [Robert.F.Feus@uscg.mil](mailto:Robert.F.Feus@uscg.mil) or MSTC Matthew Valenti, 225-298-5400, ext. 235, [Matthew.J.Valenti@uscg.mil](mailto:Matthew.J.Valenti@uscg.mil), or write Commanding Officer, MSU Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

• **USCG CYCLING GEAR** — Jerseys, vests, jackets, shorts, shoes, socks, sunglasses, helmets and hats! For details and info on how to order, see: [www.uscgcyclinggears.com](http://www.uscgcyclinggears.com) or e-mail LT Robert Gardali at: [uscg@goride.com](mailto:uscg@goride.com). *(The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse these products; this is published as a service to our readers).*



## Reunions

### APRIL 2007

• **COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION 13TH REUNION/CONVENTION** — April 16-20, Sheraton Gateway Hotel, 800 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, Calif., 1-650-340-8500. This reunion is open to all, not just CGCVA members. Details and registration forms can be found at: [www.coastguardcombatvets.com](http://www.coastguardcombatvets.com). Contact: E.P. Ed Burke, LM 17728 Striley Drive, Ashton, MD 20861-9763; 301-924-3727.

• **RESERVE UNIT OWENSBORO** — April 29 at the historic Rockport Inn, Rockport, Ind. Snacks and refreshments will be available starting at 12:00 p.m. with lunch at 1:30p.m. (CST). Approximate cost is \$20. For those wishing to arrive Saturday, the Inn has rooms available, and several reunion attendees will be getting together for dinner Saturday night. For more info, call Bill Symon, 812-649-2721 or 812-686-2928; Les Allen, 502-648-6900; Don Kuster, 812-327-4749 or Gene Radin, 859-885-1236 or [gpradin@Juno.com](mailto:gpradin@Juno.com).

### SPRING / SUMMER 2007

• **RESERVE UNIT RICHMOND/JAMES RIVER/YORK RIVER** — Plans are underway for a late spring / early summer reunion in the Richmond, Va. area. Former members, friends and family members are invited. For info, contact CWO4 Harry Sadler, 757-421-6261/64, [harry.c.sadler@uscg.mil](mailto:harry.c.sadler@uscg.mil) or [kokomocoastie@aol.com](mailto:kokomocoastie@aol.com).  
• **RESERVE UNIT TOLEDO** — Plans are being made for a reunion in the summer of 2007 for all personnel that were assigned to Reserve Unit Toledo, Ohio. If you or anyone you know was ever assigned to RU Toledo, please contact YNC Barbara Bebout (Sherburne) via e-mail: [barb1205@hotmail.com](mailto:barb1205@hotmail.com) with the Subject

Line of "RU TOLEDO" (or the e-mail won't be opened) or send a letter with your name, address, phone and e-mail address to YNC Bebout at 1205 Richards Road, Newark, OH 43055-2124.

### SEPTEMBER 2007

• **NORTH COAST NEW YORK COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION** — Sept. 14-16, Sackets Harbor, N.Y. Seeking any Coastie (any year, regular, reserve, auxiliary or civilian) who served at Erie, Pa. Lifeboat Station, Buffalo Base, Fort Niagara LBS, Rochester LBS, Sodus Point (AUX OP), Oswego LBS, Big Sandy Life Saving Station, Galloo Island LBS, Sackets Harbor (AUX OP), Cape Vincent Light Station, Station Clayton, CG Station Alexandria Bay, MSD Massena, Burlington Base, Vt., ATON Saugerties, Reserve Unit (PSU) Buffalo/Syracuse, LORAN Station Seneca, any lighthouse, small unit or CG cutter that was home ported or worked in the above area. Contact North Coast New York Coast Guard Association., 4712 Glenwood Drive, Mantua, OH 44255, 330-274-2927, [skipper444@aol.com](mailto:skipper444@aol.com).

• **COAST GUARD RESERVE UNIT SAGINAW** — Second annual reunion, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. (EST), for all personnel assigned to RU Saginaw, at Silver Palace Saloon & Grille, 1500 Woodside Avenue, Essexville, Mich. For info, contact MKCM James Kozuch, USCGR(Ret.), 865-977-1902, [masterchiefk@charter.net](mailto:masterchiefk@charter.net) or ETC Rick Ahlberg, 989-892-7627, [reahlberg@charter.mi.net](mailto:reahlberg@charter.mi.net)

### OCTOBER 2007

• **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLEET TUG SAILORS** — Oct. 4-7, 18th annual NAFTS reunion, Westport Sheraton Hotel, St Louis. For information, visit [www.NAFTS.com](http://www.NAFTS.com) or call toll-free 1-866-652-2038.

### NOVEMBER 2007

• **STATION ST. SIMONS ISLAND REUNION** — Nov. 9-11, Maritime Museum at the Historic Coast Guard Station, St. Simons Island, Ga. for all personnel assigned to Station St.



Photo courtesy Station Chatham reunion web site

*Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force Jeff Smith addresses the crowd at the Station Chatham, Mass. reunion last October. Smith served at Station Chatham early in his career.*

Simons. If you or anyone you know was ever assigned to Station SSI, please contact Michele Collins, reunion coordinator, via e-mail: [stationssireunion@yahoo.com](mailto:stationssireunion@yahoo.com) with the subject of "REUNION StaSSI" or send a letter with your name, address, phone and e-mail to Collins at Maritime Museum at the Historic Coast Guard Station, 4201 1st Street, East Beach, St. Simons Island, GA 31522; 912-638-5481.

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL 2007

• **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE** — The 2007 campaign is set for the month of April. Reservists will be contacted during the campaign. However, contributions may be made at any time. For info, call 1-800-881-2462, Web: [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org).  
• **CWOA ANNUAL MEETING** — April 11-14, at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center, U.S. 50 & MD 301, Bowie, MD 20718. For more info, contact Ed Swift, Executive Director, CWOA, 200 V Street SW, Washington, DC 20024; 202-554-7753, [cwoauscg@verizon.net](mailto:cwoauscg@verizon.net).  
• **LANTAREA/D5 RESERVISTS ALL HANDS** — April 14, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Portsmouth Federal Building, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. RSVPs not required. Contact: CWO4 Sharon Doggett, 757-587-7537, [Sharon.D.Doggett@uscg.mil](mailto:Sharon.D.Doggett@uscg.mil)

### JUNE 2007

• **ROA NATIONAL CONVENTION** — June 26-30, San Francisco

Marriott, San Francisco. The Junior Officer Leadership Development Training Seminar will also be held in conjunction with the convention. Contact Col. Tom Obenland, USAF(Ret.), 360-895-2720, [obenland@earthlink.net](mailto:obenland@earthlink.net), Web: [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org).

### JULY 2007

• **U.S. COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — July 27-Aug. 5, in Grand Haven Mich., Coast Guard City USA! Parade and fireworks are on Coast Guard Day, Aug. 4. For info, contact: U.S. Coast Guard Festival, 113 N. Second St., Grand Haven, MI 49417, 1-888-207-2434, [contact@ghcgfest.org](mailto:contact@ghcgfest.org), Web: [www.ghcgfest.org](http://www.ghcgfest.org).

### OCTOBER 2007

• **2007 USCG INNOVATION EXPO** — Oct. 28-Nov. 1, in New Orleans. For info, contact Mr. Fred Hooghhouse, Commandant (CG-0931), 202-372-4579, [Frederick.l.hooghhouse@uscg.mil](mailto:Frederick.l.hooghhouse@uscg.mil), Web: [www.uscg.mil/innovation/](http://www.uscg.mil/innovation/).



Advancements

Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective Jan. 1, 2007 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 001-7, ALCGRSV 048/06 (R 201502Z DEC 06)

**Boatswain's Mate (BM)**  
BMCM G M WILLIAMSON  
BMCM J F TRACY  
BMCM R V LIEBERMAN  
BMCS D C MARSH  
BMC L B BROWN  
BMC W G EPPRIGHT  
BM1 B T BURRUSS  
BM1 R C BROWN  
BM1 T E BEACH  
BM2 D H SCHNEIDER  
BM2 G H KIM  
BM3 M R ROBISON

**Damage Controlman (DC)**  
DCC L G SMITH  
DC2 J J MILLS

**Electrician's Mate (EM)**  
EMCM A O APENBURG

**Electronics Technician (ET)**  
ETCM H W MEDLIN  
ETCS J S DOUGHERTY  
ETC L R BALICK  
ETC R D CURTIS  
ET1 D E EDDY

**Food Service Specialist (FS)**  
FS1 T K MELLOTT

**Gunner's Mate (GM)**  
GMCM R C KRUG  
GMCS D C CLAYTON

**Health Services Technician (HS)**  
HS2 S D TAFOYA  
HS2 N J KSIEZOPOLSKI  
HS2 P K EDOH

**Information Systems Technician (IT)**  
ITCM C C CLINTON  
ITCS M R BOYLES  
IT2 C T NEYHART

**Investigator (IV)**  
IVC K J STANTON  
IV1 J C VITO  
IV2 J W PACKER  
IV2 R E IMPERIALE  
IV2 J A WESTLIE  
IV2 C L HILL  
IV2 M A HAGEN

**Machinery Technician (MK)**  
MKCS C A ANDERSON  
MK1 I C BORJA  
MK1 L J LANMAN  
MK2 G W HILDEBRAN  
MK2 N M DEAN  
MK2 M J GRIBBON  
MK2 J R TIDDEN

**Marine Science Technician (MST)**  
MST1 M S OUBRE  
MST1 M W LOOS



Coast Guard Reservist George Williamson shows off his advancement certificate in front of CGC IBIS, homeported Cape May, N.J. Williamson was pinned E-9 at Sector Delaware Bay in Philadelphia by CAPT Theodore Harrop and his wife, Nina, Jan. 2, 2007.

**Operations Specialist (OS)**  
OSC D T ERICKSON  
OS1 S J HIPSH  
OS1 D I ROSS  
OS1 G J WELCH  
OS1 S A ZERFASS  
OS2 R S HALE  
OS2 D C FERRELL  
OS2 A J LINCOLN  
OS2 E J COMPTON

**Public Affairs Specialist (PA)**  
PA2 J D MILLER

**Port Security Specialist (PS)**  
PS1 J A MAIER  
PS1 K W OBERACKER  
PS1 S B HUTSON  
PS1 W D HOOKER  
PS1 K E DELANEY  
PS1 M A JARMAN  
PS1 C M RABAGO  
PS1 D S HEAPHY  
PS1 S L GARZA  
PS1 S G CALABRESE  
PS1 P L MEADS  
PS1 M A VANN  
PS1 E C STANKOS  
PS2 M A FERGUSON  
PS2 G D WILE  
PS2 W T SHIELDS  
PS2 J R WILSON  
PS2 J GARCIA  
PS2 K J FERGUSON  
PS2 R F NELSON  
PS2 S M VALENTINE  
PS2 T D WILMARTH  
PS2 J D BOYD  
PS2 J G GUEVARRA  
PS2 K M THORNTON  
PS2 E S WESTERVELT  
PS2 R D BRITTAIN  
PS2 N G SMITH  
PS2 A D KRAUS  
PS2 D C BALSAMO  
PS2 S P ROBERTS  
PS2 G K BRAY  
PS2 C D RUSSELL  
PS2 J A TALLEY  
PS2 B S ROTH  
PS2 L K TOWNSEND  
PS2 D A ZOOK  
PS2 G D JACOBI  
PS2 C P MALLEY  
PS2 T J COOPER  
PS2 A L DICARLO  
PS2 S M DOWNEY  
PS2 J S HALL  
PS2 M A HARD  
PS2 A J SURMIAK  
PS2 S MALDONADO  
PS2 J N FRAZIER  
PS2 D C COUTURE  
PS2 C P GAUTHREAUX  
PS2 L M BURCH  
PS2 J P FAHRENHOLT  
PS2 R A FRANCO  
PS3 S D SWINT

**Storekeeper (SK)**  
SKCM B J NEWMAN  
SKCM S J FLETCHER  
SKCS M C FOWLKES  
SK1 C A FRANKLIN  
SK1 R A MCLENNAN  
SK1 J P DERUDDER  
SK1 B A TRIPLETT  
SK1 J A PLATT'S  
SK1 A M KRASS  
SK2 J D THOMPSON  
SK2 R D GIBSON  
SK2 B L MCCUNE  
SK2 S C LENGKEEK

**Yeoman (YN)**  
YNCM S T SENNOTT  
YN1 K A HOPKINS  
YN2 C R YORK  
YN2 W R KINGKADE  
YN2 C A PARKS  
YN2 L A SHELTON  
YN2 C M LACHMAN  
YN2 J S TOMSIC  
YN2 R M EADY  
YN2 R V RENDEROS  
YN2 S D EDWARDS  
YN2 E R BRAGG

Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective Feb. 1, 2007 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 02-07, ALCGRSV 003/07 (R 192005Z JAN 07)

**Boatswain's Mate (BM)**  
BM2 B G YOUNG

**Food Servcie Specialist (FS)**  
FSC J P GREGORIO

**Gunner's Mate (GM)**  
GM2 C A WOOD

**Machinery Technician (MK)**  
MKC R J KRAYNAK  
MK2 M R KENNEY

**Marine Science Technician (MST)**  
MST1 P D WYCKO

**Port Security Specialist (PS)**  
PS1 S C LAM  
PS1 T SPEARS  
PS1 D M COLEMAN

**Storekeeper (SK)**  
SK3 L DAWSON

Questions should be directed to YNC Rony Harden, 785-339-3410, rony.harden@uscg.mil.

Retirements

**RET-1  
(Retired With Pay)**

**DECEMBER 2006**  
RADM Carlton D. Moore  
CAPT William W. Cotter  
CDR Anthony J. Artino  
CDR Joseph S. Field  
CDR William W. Reid Jr.  
LCDR Joseph F. Herzig  
MSTCM James L. Clark  
MKCS Davis Rumfield  
PSCS William G. Koonz

BMC Victor J. Viola Sr.  
OSC Russell E. Pike  
ETCS Dennis C. Tarlton  
SKC Ray F. Hetlage  
YNC Frederick W. Labibwood  
BM1 Joseph P. Sessions  
BM1 Leonard J. Sheehan  
MK1 Linda L. Bollinger  
MK1 Robert D. Leavens  
MST1 Frank Rios  
PS1 Sandy M. Tomaselli  
YN1 Cheryl L. Burgess  
DC2 Edward D. Seymourian

ET2 James E. Magill  
PS2 Robert E. Schubert  
MK3 Robert S. Baldwin

**RET-2  
(Retired Awaiting Pay)**

**DECEMBER 2006**  
CDR Sharon K. Schilling  
LCDR Donald T. Noviello  
LCDR Robert D. Rayhill  
CWO4 Kenneth A. Nagle

BMC Ronald V. Hongell  
BMC Jonathan Sall  
ETC John W. Badger  
ITC James A. Modico  
IVC Jeffrey M. Leighty  
BM1 David A. Lockwood  
PS1 Ed J. Sasser  
MST2 Steven J. Carlson  
BM3 James M. Reid Jr.

Source: Ms. Linda Frank, Personnel Service Center (RAS)



An American flag and two USCG life preservers create a "100" representing the 100-plus years (active and reserve) service performed by four reservists who retired recently at a ceremony held at ISC San Pedro, Calif. Left to right: CWO4 Lyn Glover, 37-plus years; ITC James Modico, 27 years; PA1 Spring de Haviland, 30 years; CWO4 Philip Lonzello, 30 years. Celebrating along with the reservists is 14-year-old mascot, Shonleh Mighty Badger.

CDR Edward Wingfield, USCGR, center, displays a shadowbox while surrounded by his four children at his retirement and 60th birthday banquet celebration Oct. 22 in Greenbelt, Md. Left to right: Bryant, CDR Wingfield, Eric, Edward, and Nishelle as wife, Janice, far left, looks on. CDR Wingfield served 31 years in the military, including four years in the Air Force, eight in the D.C. Army National Guard and 19 in the Coast Guard Reserve.



MCPO Roger L. Grinnell, left, was honored at a retirement ceremony Aug. 26 at Station Castle Hill, R.I. for his 26-plus years of CGR service. Holding Grinnell's retirement shadowbox are YN1 Nicole Guadagni and BM1 Jason Brown while MKC Jarl Pellinen, who made the shadowbox, stands at the podium.



• **CAPT Douglas G. Herron, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 9, 2006, in Greenwich, Conn. He is survived by his spouse, Anita; a daughter, Ruth. Interment Arlington National Cemetery.

• **CAPT Earl R. Smith, USCGR(Ret.)**, 93, Dec. 17, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. He served five years in the



CAPT Niels P. Thomsen

Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression, and then moved to Washington, D.C. where he earned a law degree from Catholic University’s Columbus University School of Law. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942, attended Officer Candidate School, and was stationed at a remote base on the Caribbean island of Curacao. He was appointed assistant corporation counsel for the District of Columbia in 1951 and handled legal matters for the District until 1970. During the 1950s, he served in the CGR as legal and training officer for the first CGR training unit organized in Washington, and was commanding officer of an electronics training unit from 1957-66. He served on active duty from 1970-73 for special legal assignments before retiring in 1973. He lived in Alexandria, Va. for more than 50 years before moving to San Antonio to be near family members. His wife, Mozelle Jean Smith, who he married in 1946, died in 2000. Interment Masonic Cemetery, Nashville, Ill. with full military honors.

• **CAPT Niels P. Thomsen, USCG(Ret.)**, 99, Jan. 2, 2007, in Lynnwood, Wash. Born in Denmark, he grew up in Fresno, Calif. During World War II, he served in the Coast Guard, aboard a 95-foot U.S. Navy Patrol Vessel (USS YP-251) in southeastern Alaska, USS HUNTER LIGGET (APA-14), and the USS MENKAR that was instrumental in establishing the then secret LORAN program. Also an inventor, he is credited with developing the chain-stopper, which is used by Coast Guard buoy tenders to

secure and safely release the chain and sinker for swiveling anchors. The Coast Guard’s innovation awards program was named for him. His spouse, Airdrie, survives him. For more information, see All Hands R051852Z JAN 07.

• **CAPT Joseph V. Wielert, USCGR(Ret.)**, Nov. 6, 2006.

• **CDR Arthur K. Hounslea, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 4, 2007, in New London, Conn. He is survived by his daughter, Pamela.

• **CDR Warren D. Leach, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 11, 2007, in Norfolk, Va. He is survived by his daughter, Cathryn. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk, Va.

• **LCDR Stephen L. Gerhardt, USCGR(Ret.)**, Nov. 30, 2006, in Seattle. His spouse, Joanne Euster, survives him.

• **LCDR Ludwig A. Hebert, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 29, 2006, in Prairieville, La. His spouse, Sandy, survives him. Interment Baton Rouge, La.

• **LCDR Harold E. Jones, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 29, 2007, in Yarmouth, Maine. He is survived by his son, Adam. Interment will occur during spring 2007 at Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth, Maine.

• **LT John Malcolm, USCGR(Ret.)**, Feb. 2, 2007, in Reading, Mass. His spouse, Sabine, survives him. Interment Bourne, Mass.

• **LT John R. Nugent, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 2, 2007, in Manteno, Ill. His spouse, Rita, survives him.

• **LT Donald J. Renck, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 24, 2006, in Costa Mesa, Calif. His spouse, Barbara, survives him.



Photo by Peter Ralston

CWO4 Kenneth N. Black

• **CWO4 Kenneth N. Black, USCG(Ret.)**, 82, Jan. 28, 2007, in Rockport, Maine. Known as “Mr. Lighthouse” to lighthouse enthusiasts around the world, he is widely credited with being one of the founders of the lighthouse preservation movement in the United States. While in the Coast Guard, he began preserving lighthouse artifacts as lighthouses became automated. As a Coast Guard veteran of World War II, he saw action at the invasion of Okinawa. After the war, he served throughout New England and the Great Lakes in various capacities during his over 32-year Coast Guard career. He is survived by his spouse, Dorothy (Dot); stepsons Joe and Jim; grandsons Keegan, Travis and Christopher. The funeral service was held at the Maine Lighthouse Museum in Rockland, Maine on Feb. 1. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the One Hundred Million Dollar Club of the Shriners or to the Maine Lighthouse Museum, P.O. Box F, Rockland, ME 04841.

• **CWO4 Antonio (Tony) C. M. Caso, USCGR(Ret.)**, 78, Jan. 14, 2007, in Mt. Holly, N.J. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard for 43 years, 12 years on active duty and 31 years as a reservist. He served on CGCs ROCKAWAY, CAMPBELL, UNIMACK and EAGLE. He also served as editor of *The Reservist* in 1988-89. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, three sons, several grandchildren, a brother, three sisters, nieces and nephews and dear friends. A Catholic Mass was celebrated Jan. 18 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Pitman, N.J. Interment was held



CWO4 Antonio (Tony) C. M. Caso

March 1, 2007, at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. with full military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan Hospice, 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

• **FICM Melvin E. Grigg, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 27, 2006, in Dallas, Texas. His spouse, Georgina, survives him.

• **PSCS Timothy J. Lazarski, USCGR(Ret.)**, Feb. 3, 2007, in Oak Creek, Wis. He is survived by his son, Steven.

• **ENC Robert Armstrong, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 29, 2006, in Palmetto, Fla. He is survived by his spouse, Marjorie; a son, Clay.

• **YNC Marlene M. Dufour, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 1, 2006, in Fremont, Calif. She is survived by her son, Trevor.

• **HS1 Andrew J. Babajko, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 28, 2006, in Staten Island, N.Y. His spouse, Patricia, survives him.

• **PS1 William H. Denton, USCGR(Ret.)**, Nov. 13, 2006.

• **QM1 Arthur F. Bennett, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 21, 2007, in Rumford, Maine. His spouse, Carolyn, survives him.

• **RD1 Adam F. Devillier, USCGR(Ret.)**, Dec. 9, 2006, in Kenner, La. His spouse, Nubia, survives him. Interment Arborville, La.

• **YN1 John A. Dale, USCGR(Ret.)**, 58, Dec. 20, 2006, in San Diego. He served in the Coast Guard for over 20 years both on active duty and as a reservist. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2005 after 35 years of service. He was also an avid surfer his entire life. He is survived by his spouse, Lorraine; daughter, Heather; son, Sean. A memorial service was held at the family residence Jan. 13. Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association, 7920 Silverton Avenue, #E, San Diego, CA 92126.





# The Coast Guard Slash or “Racing Stripe”



**T**he Coast Guard’s familiar and distinctive red slash or “racing stripe” did not appear on Coast Guard cutters, boats and aircraft until relatively late in our history — in fact, April 2007 marks the 40th anniversary.

In the early 1960s, America’s visual image had been neglected both inside as well as outside the United States. Since image building played an important role in the election of President John F. Kennedy, the industrial design firm of Raymond Loewy/William Snaith, Inc. was hired to redesign the exterior and interior of the presidential plane. Kennedy was so pleased with the new design that he approved their proposal for improving the worldwide visual identification of the United States government.

In 1964, the firm recommended that the Coast Guard adopt a symbol or mark that would be easily distinguished from other government agencies and easily applied to ships, boats, aircraft, stations, vehicles, signs and printed forms.

Their design was a wide red bar to the right of a narrow blue bar, both canted at 64 degrees. Centered on the red bar was a new emblem.

Studies were done with experimental markings for their impact on the public, as well as for their long-run compatibility with the Coast Guard’s missions and traditions. The reaction was overwhelmingly favorable. Three years later, on 6 April 1967, the now-famous slash appeared throughout the Coast Guard.

In the final design, only the emblem changed. The traditional Coast Guard emblem was selected for centering on the red stripe over the new design.

*Source: The Coast Guardsman’s Manual, Ninth Edition, Page 82.*

## Making History in 2007

**R**ecently, I received a letter from my friend Jay giving a chronological account of his six-week voyage on the GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL (AP-115) during World War II. In 1944, Jay was a 22-year-old technical sergeant in the Army Air Corp and one of the 5,154 passengers headed to the China-Burma-India Theater on the then newly commissioned ship. On its inaugural cruise, the GENERAL RANDALL was manned by a Coast Guard crew and commanded by CAPT Carl Christian Von Paulsen.

You probably don’t spend much time thinking about history as you go about your reserve duties. Those on the GENERAL RANDALL probably didn’t think much about it either. Even today, my friend’s experiences about how he “lost” his hair after crossing the equator and the challenges of being adrift for 10 hours in the Pacific while the crew worked to repair engines, are known only by a few. Nevertheless, history was made and he was part of it. You can read more about the GENERAL RANDALL and the ship’s famous Coast Guard captain, at [www.uscg.mil/history/](http://www.uscg.mil/history/) (for the GENERAL RANDALL, under “Cutters and Craft,” for CAPT Von Paulsen, see “Personnel,” then “Coast Guard Heroes”).

History is in the making today and you have the chance to be part of it. The Commandant issued 10 Commandant Intent Action Orders (CIAOs) just after taking the helm last year. As each CIAO matures, we must do our part to ensure success.

Another way to make history is via Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and leadership training. IDPs help new Coast Guard members better understand their individual career paths and goals. Time management is an essential tool for today’s reservist and the IDP outlines the training and development steps required for success. The IDP is mandatory for first-term enlisted members. First term is defined as the first four years of Coast Guard service. This includes prior service accessions and those recruited through the Direct Petty Officer Program. First term for officers, O-1 through O-3, including prior enlisted, is the first four years of commissioned service.

Personally, I recommend every reservist E-6 and below utilize an IDP. A drilling reservist with no prior military will only perform between 288 and 360 days of duty over eight years. An IDP will aid you in making good use of your Coast Guard time. The IDP is also a leadership tool for supervisors. We all lead busy lives and the IDP is an efficient way for supervisors to maximize their influence on those they supervise and create a greater benefit to the member and the Coast Guard. For more

information on the IDP, visit the Unit Leadership Development Program at <http://Leadership.uscg.mil/uldp>.

Leadership training is essential at all levels in a dynamic organization. All E-4 through E-6 and O-2 and O-3s should look to enroll in the Leadership and Management School (LAMS). If a LAMS class is not convening near you, think about the other services’ leadership training opportunities. Last September, D11 sent an MK1 to the Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officer Academy at McGhee Tyson ANG base, in Knoxville, Tenn.

ALCOAST 593/06 (available on the Reserve Homepage) outlines the enlisted leadership opportunities for FY07 or you can go to the Coast Guard Training Quota Management center for more information at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/tqc/index.shtm>.

This part of my message is for the chief petty officer. LANTAREA and PACAREA’s People Plan requires all senior enlisted, E-7, E-8 and E-9s, regardless of when they were advanced, to attend the Chief Petty Officer Academy. There are two convenings of the Reserve CPOA in FY07. If you haven’t attended the CPOA, submit a training request. If your ADT-AT is already committed for this anniversary year, then submit a request for Other-Training-Duty (ADT-OTD) orders. The Senior Enlisted Command Master Chief course (SECMC) is open to E-7, E-8, and E-9s in Silver Badge positions or on a career track to become a Gold or Silver Badge.

The Chief’s Creed states, “More will be expected of you, and more will be demanded of you. Not because you are an E-7, but because you are now a chief petty officer.” We all need to live up to that calling. If you find yourself not actively involved in leadership, then you need to re-evaluate your role as a chief. A master chief mentor and friend of mine used to sign his correspondence with the moniker, “Simply put, a chief’s job is to be there!” As chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs, are you there for the workforce? Advancement to E-7 means added responsibility because you are everyone’s chief.

As leaders, we should all be proactive in the use of the IDP, encourage leadership training, and advance the inevitable organizational adjustments required by the realization of the CIAOs.

Making history is like watching an acorn take to seed. Progress is subtle. However, as we continue to live up to our core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty, we, like my friend on the GENERAL RANDALL, can claim our part in the rich history of the United States Coast Guard.

Semper Paratus!



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WASHINGTON, D.C. (Feb. 15, 2007)  
— The Commandant, ADM Thad Allen, and the Vice Commandant, VADM Vivien Crea, cut the cake at the 66th Birthday party of the Coast Guard Reserve.

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